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GAVEL ENTERS COMPETITION

LAW STUDENT DIVISON OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:

It is with a great deal of pride and enthusiasm that we submit our law school newspaper, The Gavel, for consideration in the AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT DIVISION MOST OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER contest, under class B. In this special edition of The Gavel, we will present a report containing the information that you have requested, followed by four sets of the issues that the staff and editors have published this academic year. The small parenthetical numbers next to the headlines correspond to your list of requested information.

We are preparing the required information to emphasize that the editors have particularly focused on the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association activities (in addition to student bar, local bar, alumni and newsworthy events) due to our consciousness of the importance of the Law Student Division. Furthermore, it is our belief that, to make the Law Student Division work, the students must be continually exposed to it. We feel complimented that our Student Bar Association has attributed the increase in ABA-LSD membership at our school to our consciousness of the importance of the Law Student Division activities (in addition to student bar, local bar, alumni and newsworthy events) due to our consciousness of the importance of the Law Student Division.

In an effort to present the news as it happens, it was necessary to resolve the apparent increased cost resulting from an increase in the issues published. The method of printing used previously, linotype, was debilitating with respect to the necessary lead time, was restrictive as to its amenability to graphics, and had a prohibitive effect on imaginative attempts at layout. We have attempted to arrange as much of the above as possible, and have contributed to ABA-LSD membership at our school to our consciousness of the importance of the Law Student Division activities (in addition to student bar, local bar, alumni and newsworthy events) due to our consciousness of the importance of the Law Student Division.

Larry Smith
President

Cleveland-Marshall School of Law

HISTORY OF THE GAVEL

The publishing history of the Gavel has been a sporadic one. Initially, the newspaper was a mimeograph news release that was published once each quarter. The evolutionary changes began to take place in 1960. At that time the Gavel was basically an Alumni News Letter. In 1964, the Gavel turned from an alumni periodical to a monthly news magazine. Also in 1964, the Gavel received meritorious recognition from the old American Law Student Association. Finally, in 1966 the Gavel evolved into a monthly newspaper. Last year the Gavel increased its publication from 4,000 to 5,000 readers. We also increased the length of our publication.

Today our distinguished readership includes 3,000 Cleveland State University alumni, 500 city, county, state, and federal legislators, 250 members of our judiciary at all levels, and 250 subscribers. The remaining 1000 copies are distributed to the Cleveland State University administration and law students.

This year we have changed from the rear page monthly publication to a six or eight page newspaper that is published twice a month. Notable changes in the newspaper can be read in the article, "The Gavel's Emphasis—Reporting News not History", on this page.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Smith
President

Craig W. Christiansen
Cleveland State Univ.
Student Bar Ass'n

Paul T. Kirner
Editor-in-Chief
The Gavel

HISTORY OF THE GAVEL

The Gavel was founded with the commencement of the 1952-1953 academic year of the then Cleveland-Marshall School of Law, has been a part of our institution's tradition since that time.

FOUNDED IN 1952

The Gavel entered competition...
Since our merger with The Cleveland State University in June, 1969 we receive a budget from the University through the Student Bar Association and the Student Publications Committee at CSU's main campus. The student activities fee of $50.00 per student is allocated to the different organizations on the basis of the student organization's position in the university. Our readership and long tradition, the Gavel has received $10,000 for the year of 1971-1972.

Below is a copy of the adjusted budget for 1971-1972 that has been approved.

NEW PRINTER SAVES GAVEL $12,000 IN '72

We now use the off-set printing process. We find it less expensive than the linotype process previously used.

STAFF FACILITIES

The staff members are supplied with a room, several desks and supplies. The editors' office is equipped with the supplies necessary for layout and paste-up. The office is also equipped with a phone, two desks, two file cabinets and miscellaneous materials.

The Gavel subscribes to over 50 periodicals and newspapers in Canada and the United States. The editors read and study these publications so that we may learn from them. We encourage all staff members to do the same. In order to aid ourselves in this study we have set up several shelves in which these periodicals are displayed. We often find that many of the problems facing our law school are not all unique, but are shared by other law schools from coast to coast.

We have also read lengthy articles dealing with contemporary legal questions. The Cleveland State University College of Law is proud of its nationally renowned law review. The law review and specialized law school publications have dealt with the very issue exposed in many legal topics as environmental crisis, student unrest, and urban law properly belong in a law review. It is the function of the law school newspaper to cover the activities of law students involved in such projects, and specialized reviews deal with these subjects more in depth. This has been the philosophy of the Gavel...the Gavel...the emphasis is on the current news which is expanded upon with an occasional feature. Our paper has served as a forum for all students and, according to our Student Bar Association, has been the "moving force" in changing a number of things at the law school.

GAVEL TO BE BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION

Prior to this year the frequency of publication was once a month during the academic year. Generally only eight issues were published annually.

This year The Gavel's policy has been to publish timely and salient articles for our entire readership. The staff compiles the news for publication that is considered by the editors to be of interest to the majority of our 4,000 readers who receive The Gavel by mail and the 1,000 readers within the university. The Gavel is therefore published when we believe there is sufficient news so that our readership will be informed of the CURRENT news. Though we have published twice in one week, we generally average out to an issue every two weeks.

GA VEL ADJUSTED BUDGET

1971-1972

FEE WAIVERS
Tuition waiver for Editor-in-Chief $1,330.00
2nd yr tuition for Executive Editor 880.00

OFFICE SUPPLIES
200.00

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL
ABA-LSA Conference New York
LSCRC Conference Washington D.C.

IN-STATE TRAVEL
Sixth circuit activities and competitions 100.00
NEWSPAPER, PERIODICALS 25.00
DUPLICATING SERVICE 30.00
PHOTOGRAPIHY 100.00
ADDRESSOGRAPH 1,000.00
PRINTING 6,000.00
TELEPHONE 135.00
POSTAGE 500.00

TOTAL $10,500.00

COVERAGE OF ALL THE NEWS

Due to university rules and regulations a faculty advisor is a necessary criteria for the existence of any campus organization. In our case, Professor Moody serves as a necessary and welcome advisor. Liz Moody has aided us on many occasions and has offered assistance as well as encouragement throughout the year.

For her service, we would like to state herein that we, the editors and the staff of the Gavel, greatly appreciate her assistance.

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